

Arlington Recycling Committee
Minutes of 5/7/15

PRESENT Co-Chair Juli Brazile; Recycling Coordinator Charlotte Milan, Susan Stamps, Brad Barber, Pete Howard

MINUTES of 4/2/15 approved.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT: Charlotte discussed her monthly report (Ref 1). The predicted trash number is down about 1% and the recycling & yard waste numbers are up compared to last year. She described a Dallin School Girl Scout audit of the lunch trash. She had just returned from Rot & Roll, an information session on composting held at DPW and attended by about 50. She has arranged for more recycling bins at parks. June 20th (Saturday) is the first monthly CHARM program to collect rigid plastic, foam, textiles, electronics, and books. This may make the bi-yearly CCDs more manageable. She will present the program to the Selectmen on May 12.

UPDATES

RECYCLED BEAUTY: The reception was attended by many. All agreed that it was a successful event. Invoices are needed in order to vote for an appropriation. A quorum will be needed at the next meeting.

MEMBERSHIP: The website is not up to date.

BUSINESS RECYCLING: Neither Juli & Susan have been able to make time to analyze the hauler questionnaires. They will look for a volunteer.

WHEELABRATOR TOUR: A dozen people had a fine tour. Hopefully Glen Koenig will be able to edit his film into a useful video.

COMMUNITY COLLECTION DAY May 9 Juli led a review of the vendor layout which has been completely reorganized. Charlotte made several changes to the version that she had provided earlier.

PLASTIC BAGS: Discussed only briefly in terms of possible research over the summer so we can make progress in the fall with a bigger education/PR push and expanding the number of stores that take them back for recycling.

FOOD WASTE COMPOSTING: Charlotte reported this would be the next project for her/DPW under the recycling dividend program. To start a pilot program we would have to identify 400 households willing to participate in Arlington. She may also combine efforts with nearby towns (Belmont, Winchester) that might not be able to run a pilot that large on their own.

PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES (not discussed):

Advocate Articles: Larry: See something, Say something
Gordon, 2014 Summary article/Collaborative composting
Erika: Life Cycle Issues

NEXT MEETING 6/4- Meetings held 1st Thursday monthly at 7:30 PM in Town Hall Annex 1st Floor

Ref 1 Coordinator's Report